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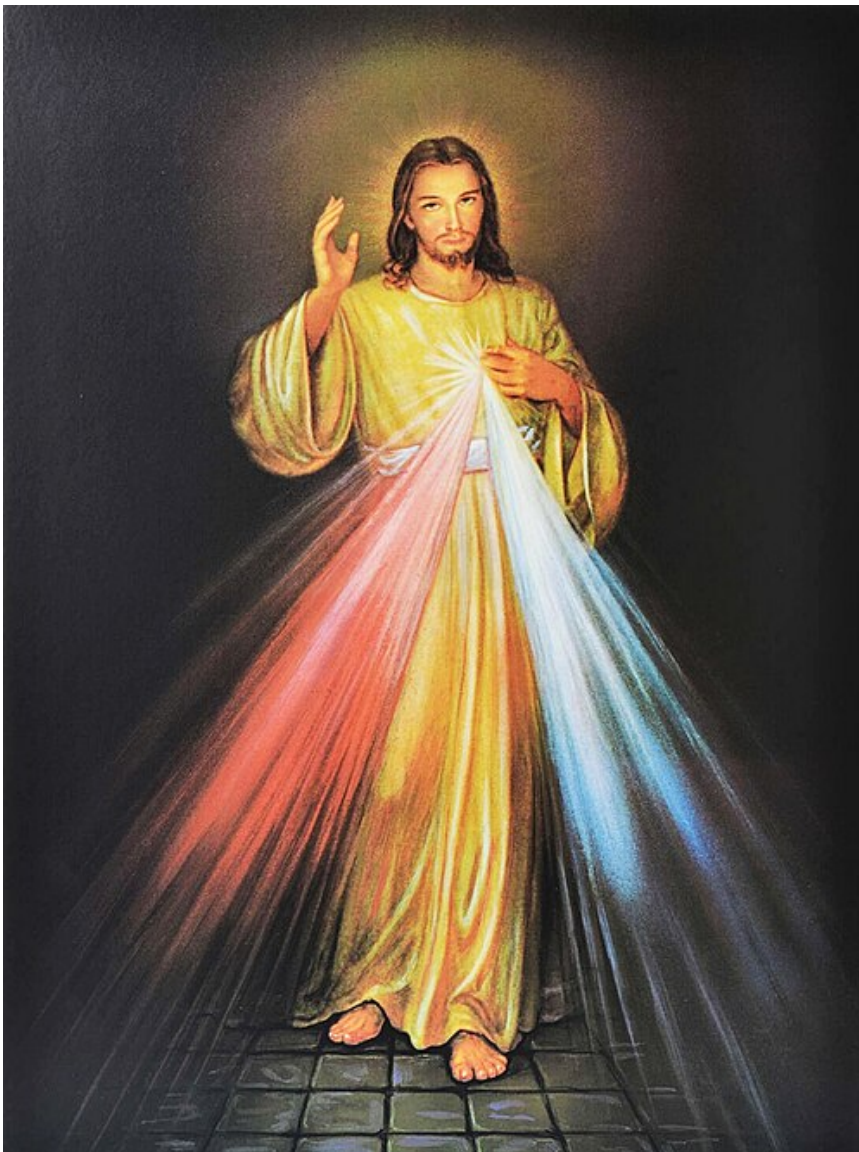
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## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*  
- John 20:29



### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays (2nd-5th Mondays at 6:30pm  
Tuesday through Friday at 7:45am  
First Saturday at 7:45am  
*The rosary is prayed after weekday Mass.*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays at 4:30pm  
Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

2nd-5th Mondays at 5:45pm  
First Saturday following Mass  
Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm  
Sunday morning at 9:15am  
Other times by appointment

### CATHEDRAL PRAYER LINE

The cathedral has many dedicated parishioners ready to assist you with prayer in times of need. To place your intention on the prayer line, please contact Carol at (608) 244-4817.

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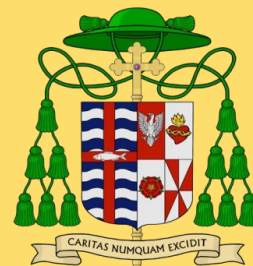
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# PASTOR'S PULSE on the PARISH



April 12, 2026

Dear Friends,

The first weekend after Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. During the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000, St. John Paul II declared that the second Sunday in the Easter season would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

On May 5th of that same year, the Congregation for Divine Worship implemented the worldwide feast day in accord with the holy father's wishes.

This is the 26th year of the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy is God's response to the condition of human suffering. The love that enfolds those who have reached the end of what they can bear and which empowers them, lifts them up and renews them in hope.

## God's heart moved by misery

The Latin word *misericordia* can be defined as a heart moved by misery. God does not overlook the suffering of humanity or diminish it in any way because He was a part of that suffering when he came to the earth as man and was crucified for the sake of our salvation.

He not only came to know physical suffering, but He also experienced mental anguish, abandonment by those who were closest to Him, and an unwillingness of those who surround Him to respond to His message of love and repentance.



A God who has personally endured all these hardships is a God that knows the struggles we face all too well, and it is through compassion and a desire to enter into those very struggles that we can find God when we need Him most.

Love is not simply something that moves along in parallel with what we endure; love creates anew, it restores, it refreshes, and it reinvigorates. The love of God gives us newness of life, and that is precisely what His mercy can do for us.

When we speak of God's mercy, we are defining the very essence of who God truly is. What a great gift we have in our merciful God!

## Budget deficit increases

As you've noticed from our weekend offertory reports, our budget deficit is continuing to increase, and as we've endured many weeks where we've not achieved our weekly benchmark, the operations fund is being depleted. We will most likely have to shore up

the operations fund with some monies from savings in order to keep things afloat.

There are a number of things that have put us here, and among them is the fact that we're still in the gymnasium.

I know it's becoming weary for everyone, and there is a great desire to move back in to the church. No one knows that better than I. We have lost people, and thus, the income we would ordinarily get with their presence.

The other factor coming into play is that our new systems are beginning to come online, and as they do, it's increasing our utility costs exponentially.

Now that we have a system that is designed to heat and cool our space, the requisite power and natural gas needs to run these systems are far greater than in the past.

Though we're not back in the church yet, some of the expenses we're incurring reflect the fact that the church is beginning to come online and operate as it's been designed to do.

## Opportunity for giving

I am so very grateful to all of you who support the parish with your gift of treasure each week – your gift is so very much appreciated. Perhaps those who are with us who do not give regularly to the cathedral might consider this as an opportunity to begin doing so?

We have a full electronic system, and it's very easy to use. You can visit our parish web site ([www.sbmsn.org](http://www.sbmsn.org)) to sign up and begin using the system. My thanks to each of you for your continued support.

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## OUR GIFT of TREASURE

### 2025-26 Offertory Budget

Envelopes.....\$370,000.00  
 Loose (Cash).....\$ 75,000.00  
 TOTAL.....\$445,000.00  
**NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00**

### OFFERTORY

April 5, 2026

Envelopes.....\$ 3,083.00  
 Electronic Funds..\$ 1,430.23  
 Loose.....\$ 1,682.00  
 Pont. Gd. Friday..\$ 1,008.00  
 Outreach.....\$ 90.00  
**TOTAL.....\$ 7,293.23**

### OFFERTORY PROGRESS

Collected to-date...\$296,323.85  
 Needed to-date.....\$342,320.00  
**Surplus (Shortfall):\$(45,996.15)**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

■ **Monday, April 13th** St. Martin I (m)  
 Acts 4:23-31 \* Ps 2 \* John 3:1-8  
 5:45pm Confessions  
 6:30pm Jim & Janice McDaniel †

■ **Tuesday, April 14th** Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
 Acts 4:32-37 \* Ps 93 \* John 3:7b-15  
 7:45am L/D members of the Rickey Family †  
 Following Rosary

■ **Wednesday, April 15th** Wednesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
 Acts 5:17-26 \* Ps 34 \* John 3:16-21  
 7:45am Richard Trace †  
 Following Rosary

■ **Thursday, April 16th** Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
 Acts 5:27-33 \* Ps 34 \* John 3:31-36  
 7:45am Gary Christopher †  
 Following Rosary

■ **Friday, April 17th** Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
 Acts 5:34-42 \* Ps 27 \* John 6:1-15  
 7:45am Joan Gillitzer †  
 Following Rosary

■ **Saturday, April 18th** Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
 Acts 6:1-7 \* Ps 33 \* John 6:16-21  
 8:00am Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine  
 3:30pm Confessions  
 4:30pm Andi Schultz, Angelo Castillo †

■ **Sunday, April 19th** Third Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 2:14, 22-33 \* Ps 16 \* 1 Peter 1:17-21 \* Luke 24:13-35  
 8:00am Pro Populo  
 9:15am Confessions  
 10:00am Ed Deneen †

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Our bulletin is printed in-house, and is sponsored each week by parishioners and friends of the cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask for prayers, to offer a prayer in thanksgiving, to remember someone, living or deceased or to advertise your local business! If you'd like to be a bulletin donor, a suggested gift of \$50.00 is asked to cover printing costs. Please call the parish office or email Julianne for more information. Thank you for your generous support of our weekly cathedral publication!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MARCH FOR LIFE WISCONSIN**



**Saturday, April 25, 2026, 2-4pm**  
**WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL**  
[marchforlifewisconsin.org](http://marchforlifewisconsin.org)



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### Rosary March is May 3rd

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3rd. During the 10:00am Mass, we will crown Our Lady and participate in the annual Rosary procession around the campus. Let's pray for a beautiful day so we can enjoy the fruits of Our Lady's love for us as we enter into her month.

### Entrusting conflicts to mercy of God

Let us continue to pray that the fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran will continue to hold. There was a great sense of relief from everyone at the withdrawal of the next military offense.

Diplomacy can be quite difficult when a history of dishonesty seems to be present every step of the way. Yet, for the sake of the innocent, we must give diplomacy a whole-hearted opportunity to manifest itself in discussions and to display the good will on the part of both nations. We entrust this conflict to the mercy of God and the help of Our Lady to bring the fighting and bloodshed to an end.

### Pray for Christians in Nigeria


Though not as prevalent in the news, we must continue to pray for our Christian friends in Nigeria. They have endured much suffering in these past months at the hands of Fulani militants. These groups are not loyal to Boko Haram, ISIS, or any other group. Oftentimes, these groups incite terrible crimes due to land disputes, the scarcity of resources, revenge, and criminal profit.

Because these groups operate independently of each other and are not controlled by any one person or organization, it can be more difficult to identify them and be proactive in staving off attacks.

There has been great suffering on the part of Nigerian Christians, and we pray earnestly this weekend that God's great mercy which knows no end will enfold them and embrace them in their constant struggles to remain faithful to Christ.

*With love in the Sacred Heart,  
Fr. Michael*

**CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!**



The cathedral is looking forward to restarting the St. Augustine Circle - a group for young adults where we can come together, share the faith, discuss current world events and pray together and offer support as we live out Christ's heart in the world. All young adults are encouraged to discern becoming involved in the St. Augustine Circle. Our diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is working on a kick-off event in the early spring. Stay tuned for more information!

## CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

### HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE TO SUICIDE?

Join us for a four-part series that addresses our suicidal losses with the help of our Catholic faith. The group meets 6-8pm with dinner provided at 5pm at St. Patrick Church, 434 N. Main St., Cottage Grove. Dates are Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, and May 4. To register, visit [madisondiocese.org/mhsupportgroups](http://madisondiocese.org/mhsupportgroups). Questions? Call 608-821-3053.

### PRAYING FOR OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

Mark your calendar and join us for Mass at Resurrection Cemetery on the 3rd Friday of each month. Our next Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Brian Wilk on April 17 at 10am.



### FIAT MINISTRIES DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Single women, ages 18-30, are invited to attend a Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat April 17-19 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI. Register at [fiatministries.org/retreats/](http://fiatministries.org/retreats/)

### ONE-DAY MARRIAGE WORKSHOP APRIL 18

Register at [theglen150@gmail.com](mailto:theglen150@gmail.com) or call 608-356-8113.

### PRAYER SERVICE ON APRIL 19

A prayer service with the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities and the Sisters of Mary Morning Star will be held at 2pm Sunday, April 19 at 4905 Schofield St., Monona. Please RSVP by calling 608-821-3050.

### DISCERNMENT DAY APRIL 25



Single women, ages 20-40, are invited to a Discernment Day April 25 with the Valley of Our Lady Cistercian Nuns and Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity at Hollandale, WI. Register at <https://fsc-calledtobe.org>

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<b>April 1st</b> Eric & Amy Rottier (\$20)	<b>April 5th</b> Debra Schneider (\$300)
<b>April 2nd</b> Gregory Blum (\$100)	<b>April 6th</b> Mark & Jennefer Lehman (\$20)
<b>April 3rd</b> Eric & Amy Rottier (\$100)	<b>April 7th</b> Luke House (\$20)
<b>April 4th</b> Mark & Jennefer Lehman (\$200)	

*Thank you for your generous support of this year's calendar raffle!*